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## Registered Sex Offender Found Guilty of Sexually Abusing Girl for Close to 7 Years

A man convicted of committing a lewd act upon a child in 1994 was found guilty today of sexually abusing a girl from 2007 until 2013, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Hatami said a jury deliberated for two hours before finding José de Jesús Santana Aguilar (dob 12/24/62) guilty of four counts of sodomy by use of force; three counts of lewd act upon a child; two counts each of continuous sexual abuse, forcible oral copulation of victim over 14 years; and one count of sexual penetration by foreign object-victim over 14 years.

Before the trial began Aguilar additionally pleaded no contest to five counts of failing to update registration annually and admitted his prior lewd act upon a child conviction.

Aguilar faces more than 132 years to life in state prison at a sentencing hearing scheduled on March 13 in Department A17 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch. The case number is MA061396.

The sexual abuse began when the 12-year-old victim lived in Littlerock and it continued until she was 18, according to witness testimony.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.